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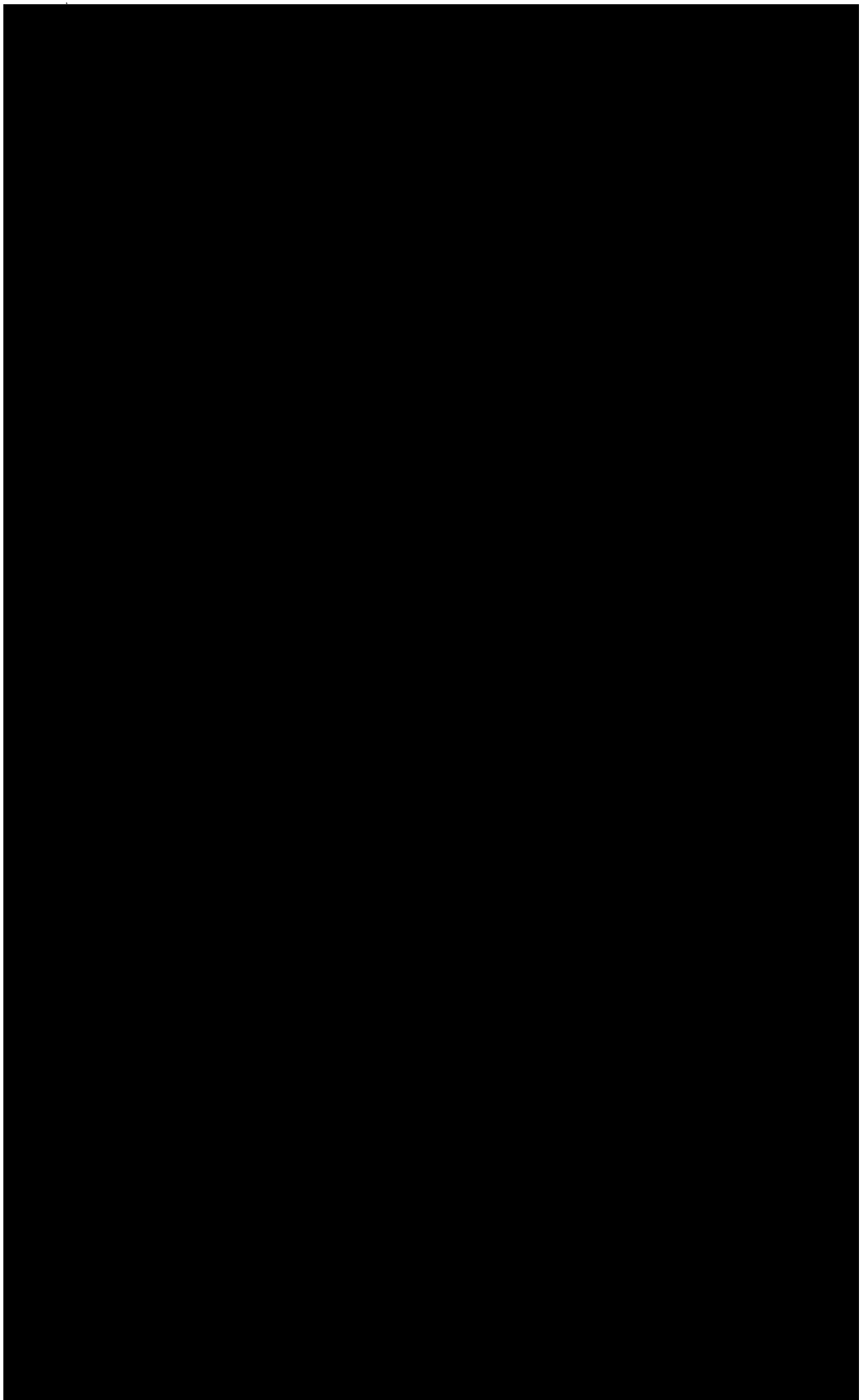

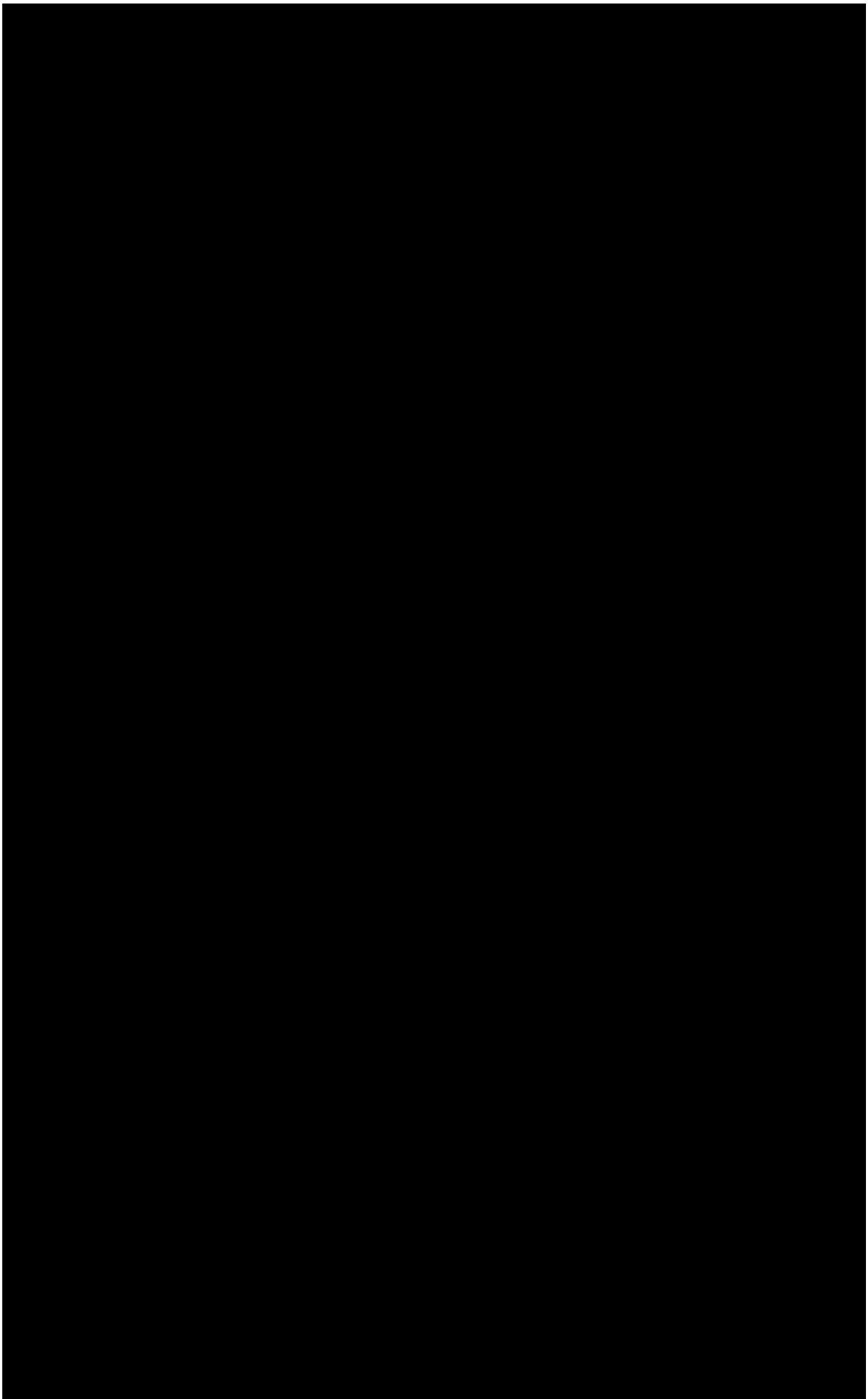

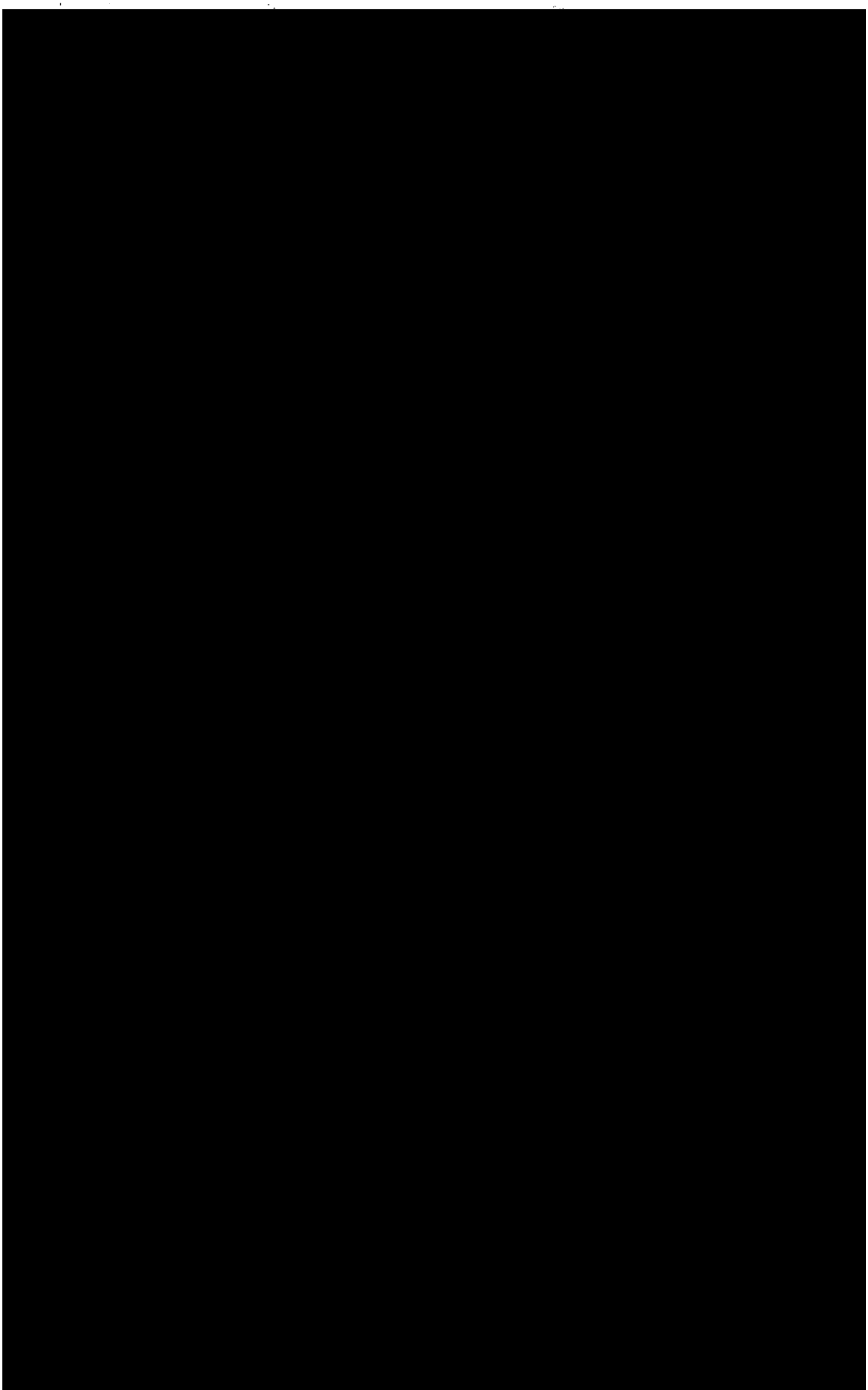

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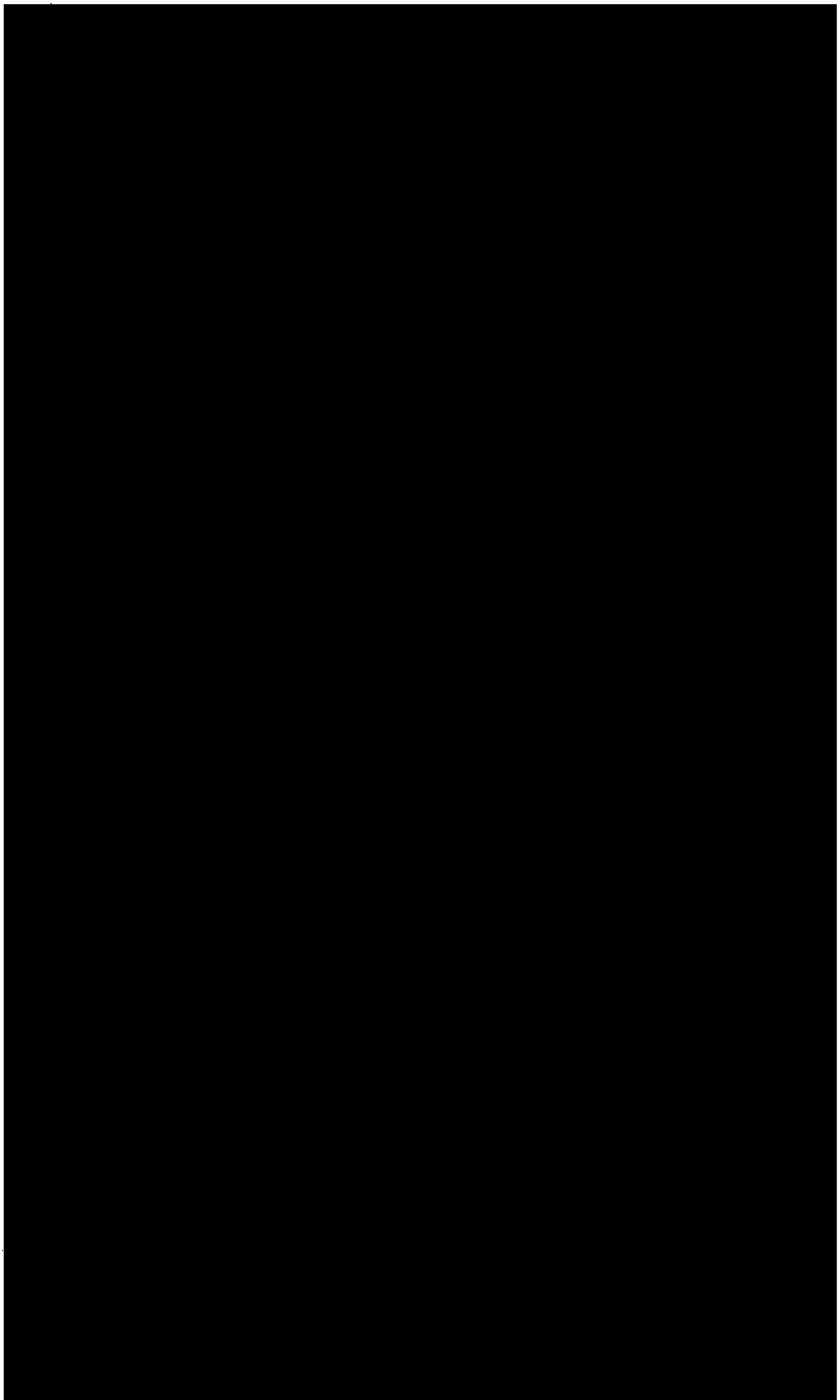

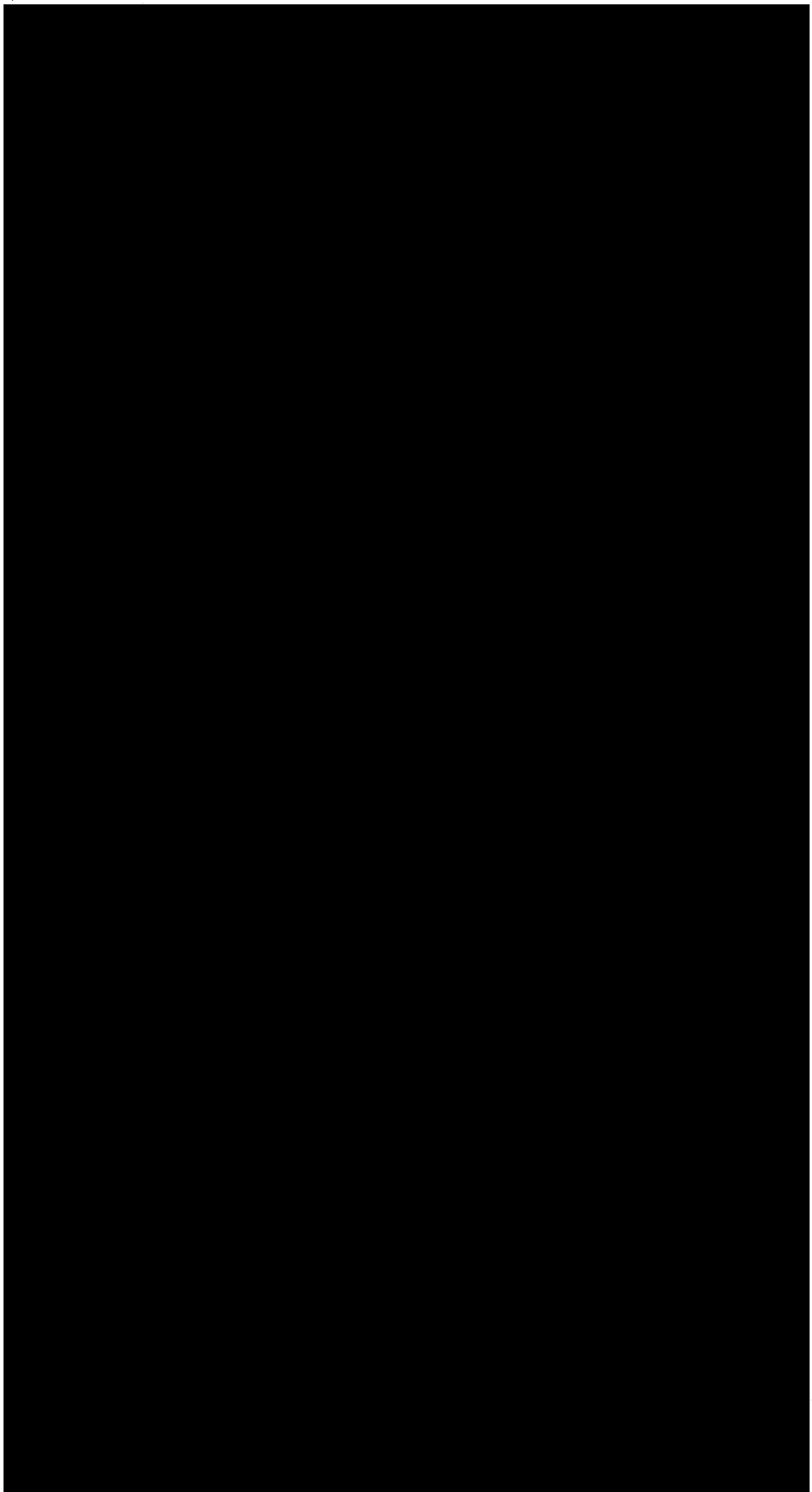

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Leaders of the union movement are reported to plan the assassination of Greek-Cypriots who might support the British. They will probably continue to refrain from sabotage of military installations, but they fear that local Communists may attack British bases in order to discredit the Nationalist cause among Britain's NATO allies.

Both the Cypriot Communist Party and the Communist-dominated Old Trade Unions have denounced the current terrorism, and the Nationalists suspect that the Communists recently betrayed a prominent Nationalist leader to the British. Nevertheless, both Britain and Turkey, which are against any change in the island's status, are trying to depict the Nationalist campaign as Communist-inspired.

The colonial government has received local support so far only from the Communists and the Turkish minority. The Greek majority on Cyprus appears to be solidly behind the Nationalist agitation. The clandestine Greek Communist radio in Bucharest and official Greek broadcasts, on the other hand, have warned all Cypriots against violence.

The Communists apparently believe violence might jeopardize their favored position in the colony. They enjoy greater political freedom on Cyprus than the Nationalists, and have good relations with the British authorities on labor matters. Athens, on the other hand, fears that violence might damage the cause of Cypriot self-determination abroad.

Although Cypriot archbishop Makarios, who heads the Nationalist movement, formerly opposed violence, his representative in Athens is now reported to favor it because of its effectiveness in publicizing the movement. The archbishop plans to attend the Afro-Asian conference. He probably expects to encourage discussion of the Cyprus issue there.

Makarios may fear that Athens is wavering in its support of the Cypriot Nationalist cause and he may covertly support the campaign as a means of bringing pressure to bear on Greece. Unless Makarios actively combats Nationalist violence, it is likely to continue sporadically. [redacted]

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